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TS AUTH. _____ REASON(S) _____
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
DECLASSIFIED ☐ RELEASABLE ☒
RELEASE DENIED ☐ F-15S FOR SAUDI ARABIA
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS _____

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Q. Where does the U.S. stand on selling F-15s to Saudi Arabia?

A. -- As we have noted previously, the U.S. commitment to help Saudi Arabia in its legitimate defense needs is longstanding.

-- The Ford Administration agreed to sell the Saudis an advanced fighter to replace the current inventory of British Lightnings; the Saudis, after a thorough study of the various alternatives, chose the F-15.

-- We will proceed in this matter at the appropriate time in close consultation with the Congress.

-- Naturally, when those consultations take place, we will be prepared to answer questions about the particular aircraft and the entire range of Saudi Arabia's air defense requirements.